
If you have applied to attend Cambrian Academy, and you are already in the United States on a visa other than F-1, there are a couple ways to have your status changed to F-1.

The most reliable method is to visit a US Consulate. These are all located outside the United States, so visiting your local Consulate in your home country during a break is one way to do this. Some people choose to visit a US Consulate in Canada to make it more convenient.

Another method, that usually takes much longer, is to file form I-539 requesting a change in non-immigrant status.

You can download the form [HERE](#), and you can download the instructions [HERE](#).

If you wish to be assisted by an immigration attorney, click [HERE](#).

Keep in mind that NONE of this happens until after the student has applied to, and been accepted to, Cambrian Academy for a full course of study.

6. F-1, Academic Student

To request a change to F-1 status or to apply for reinstatement as an F-1 student, you must submit your Form I-94, as well as the Form I-94 for each person included in the application.

Your application must also include a copy of your Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student, issued by the school where you will study and you must submit documentation that demonstrates your ability to pay for your studies and support yourself, and any accompanying dependent family members, while you are in the United States.

NOTE: A change of status may be granted for a period up to 30 days before the report date or start date of the course of study listed on Form I-20. You must maintain your current, or other, nonimmigrant status up to 30 days before the report date or start date of the course of study listed on Form I-20 or your requested change of status may not be granted.

F-1 Reinstatement

In addition to the above documents, you must also submit evidence that your violation of status resulted from circumstances beyond your control or that your violation relates to a reduction in your course load that would have been within a Designated School Official's (DSO's) power to authorize, and that failure to approve reinstatement would result in extreme hardship to you.

If you have been out of status for more than 5 months at the time of filing your request for reinstatement, you must also provide evidence that your failure to file within the 5 month period was the result of exceptional circumstances and that you filed your request for reinstatement as promptly as possible under these exceptional circumstances.

F-1 Extensions

Only use this form to request an extension if you were admitted for a limited duration as a student entering to study at a public secondary school. All other students seeking information concerning extensions should contact their DSO.